



Program Criteria Comparison

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE TRACK and TENNESSEE POLLUTION PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP



National Environmental Performance Track and Tennessee Pollution Prevention Partnership (TP3) are voluntary programs designed to foster and reward environmental excellence. Performance Track is a national EPA program and Tennessee Pollution Prevention Partnership is a statewide Department of Environment and Conservation program. This fact sheet summarizes and compares criteria for the Performance Track Program and the Performer Level of TP3 (TP3 has four different levels: Prospect, Pledge, Partner, and Performer). For additional information on these programs or incentives, see program web sites or contact program coordinators.

Common Program Criteria:

- *EMS Components:* Five common elements include: an EMS with a written policy; planned targets and goals; clear roles and responsibilities for meeting goals; plans for checking and correcting non-conformance issues; and documented management review.
- *EMS Cycle:* One full cycle including implementation, evaluation, and review.
- *Past Performance:* Demonstration of performance improvements.
- *Future Performance:* Description of commitment to future performance.
- *Annual Report:* Report must include EMS data and progress toward meeting goals.
- *Community Outreach:* Facility must provide a plan to identify and respond to local concerns and inform community of important matters that affect it.
- *Compliance Record:* Verification of a strong environmental compliance record.
- *Self-Audits:* Facility is expected to conduct regular EMS assessments and compliance audits.
- *Site Visits:* Periodic site visits are conducted as part of the program.
- *Scalability:* Some components are scalable to reflect the size of the facility.

Tennessee Pollution Prevention Partnership - Performer Level - Additional Criteria:

- *Past Performance:* Demonstration of performance improvements in each of five pollution prevention areas (Clean Air, Energy Conservation, Hazardous Materials Management, Land and Water Conservation, and Waste Reduction).
- *Future Performance:* Annual documentation of a "success story." Success stories include a description of the member industry, environmental issue being addressed, methods of implementation, cost savings, and the measured amount of pollution prevented.
- *Mentoring:* Demands mentoring of another organization.
- *Site Visits:* Site visits are conducted at all accepted facilities.
- *Duration of Participation:* Membership is continuous.

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Performance Track - Additional Criteria:

- *EMS Audit/Self-Assessment:* A self-assessment or third party EMS audit is to have taken place at the time of application.
- *Compliance Record:* Facility must pass a comprehensive compliance screen covering federal, state, and local regulations.
- *Future Performance:* Facility must make a commitment to future performance improvements in four aspects from at least two unique categories.
- *Annual Report:* Report must include documentation that corrective action has been taken to address compliance and other EMS issues.
- *Self-Certification:* Senior facility manager must certify that all statements in application and Annual Performance Report are true, accurate, and complete.
- *Community References:* Facility must provide community references (e.g., member of a citizen group, union, local agency).
- *Duration of Participation:* Membership is for three years.

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